

DR. EDWARD JARVIS.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 343.]

MARCH 19, 1860.

Mr. HUTCHINS, from the Committee on Claims, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Dr. Edward Jarvis, "asking pay for services in compiling statistics for census," have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report:

That the petitioner, being a gentleman of distinguished scientific attainments, was engaged by the Superintendent of the United States Census to arrange and compile certain statistics, which were regarded as of great value, and which were published in the census report. Your committee do not think it necessary to go into the details of Dr. Jarvis's services, but will content themselves in submitting the account itself and the endorsement thereon of J. D. B. DeBow, the late superintendent:

The United States to Edward Jarvis, M. D., Dr.

1853, 1854, 1855.—For professional and clerical labor, investigations of subjects, examining records, calculations, answering questions, and solving difficulties at the request and by the repeated orders of J. D. B. DeBow, esq., Superintendent of the Census department during the years 1853, 1854, 1855; all in connexion with the preparation of the three census volumes and reports..... \$1,500
DORCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS, January 1, 1856.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 31, 1858.

I certify that Dr. Edward Jarvis, of Massachusetts, performed the services mentioned by him, though without any agreement as to compensation. As an eminent statistician, I deemed it important to advise with him upon many matters, and I frequently referred to his valuable aid in the volumes which I published in the Census office. Upon the mortality tables his services were especially large and laborious, in-

volving much clerical labor and tedious calculations. Under the law regulating the Census office, I had no power to remunerate Dr. Jarvis, but had it been otherwise I should have conceived the sum indicated by him to be fair and just, and I therefore recommend its payment by Congress.

J. D. B. DEBOW,
Late Superintendent United States Census.

After fully considering the services rendered and their character and importance, your committee are of the opinion that the claim is a just one and should be paid. They therefore report the accompanying bill and recommend its passage.